

that the piece to be published will convey facts and meaning in a manner clear to a reader who is not a functional or regional specialist.

In short, the office is keenly aware of the occupational hazards and pitfalls in current intelligence reporting.

- c. With reference to countering any tendency to "flashy" and "alarmist" reporting: The safeguard against such reporting, over and above the normal checks within the office, lies in a right appreciation of the analysts themselves. Most experienced analysts are very cautious and are loath to commit themselves to a new interpretation which is out of line with past patterns and prevailing estimates. This predisposition is understandable when stubborn new facts are few and hard to come by, but it can be a liability in an office with the Watch responsibility for the Agency. It is this liability which is of greatest concern. As for analysts who are prone to leap too quickly to unusual or ill-timed conclusions, they are quickly spotted and hedged about by their more cautious colleagues.
- d. With reference to the distribution of the Bulletin: A reduction in the distribution of the Bulletin would not alter the Bulletin's present capability for handling sensitive items. For the present distribution of the CIB, see attached list.
- e. With reference to "refraining from adding estimates to current intelligence items or articles": Every effort is made to observe the distinction between current intelligence and estimates.

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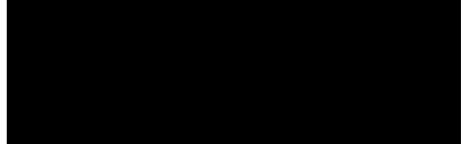
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For distribution list of the Digest, see Tab D.

10. The Watchpot is a summary of the more important raw information received, a tool and a reminder in hand. The only test of its worth should be the opinion of its few recipients. The "Dawn" edition is a by-product of the off-duty Watch. For distribution list, see Tab E. Personally I find the Watchpot invaluable as a ready check list at the end of a busy day of all items that I should note and/or take action on. If other recipients do not find it so I shall merely direct that a single typewritten equivalent be furnished me.

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